

Mural Examples and Funding in Other Cities

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City of Beaverton:

In Beaverton, the City has allocated between \$7,000 and \$10,000 annually for their mural program. Individual murals have ranged from \$3,000 to \$10,000 to create. The City requires a match by the applicant in cash or in-kind donations. Three murals have been installed since 2008. The City has also funded other initiatives such as a sculpture program.

Here are photos of the three murals installed in Beaverton:



City of Portland:

In Portland, the Public Art Mural Program managed through the Regional Arts and Culture Council (RACC) provides matching funds up to \$10,000 per approved project. Large scale murals can cost upwards of \$30,000 or more, depending on their complexity, size, location, donations and volunteers, and other factors.

While large scale and complex murals may cost \$30,000 or more, experienced mural artists have been able to install large scale murals in the region for less. Below is a mural that Larry Kangas finished at Parkrose High School. Painted on pelon in his studio and then affixed, the mural wraps around the building. At over 200 feet long, it is the largest mural in the Portland region. The entire out-of-pocket cost came to \$15,000 which was covered by RACC through a “Communities and Schools” grant. (Larry Kangas is the artist that painted the historic mural that was on the side of Chopstick’s Express in downtown. He also painted the mural that is behind Bernard’s garage. He worked with Milwaukie High School Students to plan and install both. He is interested in working in Milwaukie in the future.)

Here are photos of the Parkrose Horse Mural:



City of Sandy:

In 2011 the City of Sandy funded a mural to celebrate its centennial. It is sixty feet long and painted on panels (which includes 24 pieces of composite steel for hanging the work). Painting the mural on panels increased the cost but made the mural moveable should it be necessary to relocate it in the future. The cost was around \$30,000.

Below are photos of the left section and right sections of the mural:



Typical Mural Budget

Larry Kangas, one of the region's most prolific and well-known mural artists, has provided the following mural budget examples.



To do this 25' x 35' mural today on a local building
would cost: Design fee.....\$ 1500

Primer and masking....\$ 325

80 hours to paint\$ 8000

UV coating (applied) \$ 450

Lift\$ 1200

Total \$ 11,475

**This is assuming that there was no wall prep like scraping and
sealing, and that the artist not get involved with the fundraising**



\$ 850 to paint
\$250 for lift
14 x 6 = 84 s/f

\$1100

(\$13/s-f)